

HOUSE BILL 1559

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-24-201 and Section 4-24-202, relative to improving incentive pay for employment and training standards for firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-24-201, is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting the following:

(2) "Firefighter" means any person who is trained in firefighting or the prevention of fires and who is employed by a unit of government as a firefighter on a full-time or part-time basis, or who is a volunteer firefighter of a unit of government's fire department or firefighting organization; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-24-202, is amended in subsection (a) by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

In addition, any firefighter shall receive a state educational incentive in an amount up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) upon achieving the following certifications as defined in the rules of the commission:

- (1) Upon certification as a Firefighter (FF1);
- (2) Upon certification as a Firefighter2 (FF2);
- (3) Upon certification as an Apparatus Operator;
- (4) Upon certification as an Instructor; or
- (5) Upon certification as a Fire Officer.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.